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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN NOTE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. THE TANZANIAN HIGH COMMISSION HAS CIRCULATED A LONG NOTE IN LONDON ENTITLED, "THE STRUGGLE MUST CONTINUE", WHICH LAYS OUT TANZANIAN VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION. WE ASSUME THE NOTE REPRESENTS A CONCERTED TANZANIAN DIPLOMATIC EFFORT AND THAT THE TIMING OF THE NOTE IS NOT COINCIDENTAL. EMBASSY IS POUCHING TEXT TO ADDRESSEES BUT QUOTES BELOW SEVERAL PERTINENT POINTS CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT.

2. "THE ZIMBABWEAN THIRD FORCE ARE NOW THE MOST RELEVANT

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AND MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE FUTURE OF RHODESIA.

THEIR INVOLVEMENT IS IMPERATIVE IN ANY SETTLEMENT LEADING TO MAJORITY RULE. SINCE THE OPTION FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLE-

ZIMBABWE NOW IS HOW LONG THE WAR WILL LAST... WE BELIEVE THAT THOSE WHO GENUINELY SUPPORT MAJORITY RULE SHOULD SUPPORT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY, FOR THEY ARE THE ONLY ORGANIZATION CAPABLE OF FORCING SMITH TO REASON."

3. "LET ME ALSO ADD THAT SHOULD SMITH RENOUNCE UDI AND ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE, WE WOULD THEN EXPECT, AND URGE THE SETTING UP OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, A STRATEGY WHICH THE PORTUGUESE USED TO TRANSFER POWER IN MOZAMBIQUE, WITH A BRITISH COMMISSIONER AND A ZIMBABWE PRIME MINISTER ASSISTED BY MINISTERS CHOSEN, AFTER AGREEMENT, TO REPRESENT VARIOUS INTERESTS. THE TASK OF SUCH A GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN BE TO DISARM SMITH'S FORCES AND TO HAND OVER THE ROLE OF A NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE TO THE EXISTING ZIMBABWE LIBERATION ARMY."

4. "EXTERNAL MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ZIMBABWE IS NEITHER NECESSARY NOR DESIRABLE. THE AFRICAN PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND THE REST OF AFRICA DO NOT WANT IT. THEY ARE PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF PROSECUTING THE ARMED STRUGGLE TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION... IF, HOWEVER, ANY EXTERNAL FORCE, SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA AND HER ALLIES, WERE TO GET MILITARILY INVOLVED ON BEHALF OF SMITH, CIRCUMSTANCES COULD EASILY NECESSITATE EXTERNAL INTERVENTION IN ZIMBABWE ON BEHALF OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND AT THEIR REQUEST. WE SINCERELY HOPE THIS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY BUT IF THIS WERE FORCED ON THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WE, IN TANZANIA, WOULD UNDERSTAND IT."

5. "IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT A ZIMBABWE UNDER MAJORITY RULE WILL HAVE NO ROOM FOR THOSE ELEMENTS WITHIN THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY WHO, LIKE IAN SMITH. ARE DIEHARD RACIALISTS WHO WOULD RATHER DIE THAN LIVE UNDER AN AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. NOR WILL IT HAVE ROOM FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT LIVING UNDER A GOVERNMENT RUN BY THE AFRICAN MAJORITY WHOM THEY HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERVANTS. A MAJORITY RULED ZIMBABWE WILL HAVE ROOM ONLY FOR THOSE IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED THAT COUNTRY AS THEIR HOME AND WOULD STAY WHOEVER IS IN POWER. THOSE FOR WHOM ZIMBABWE HAS NO ROOM SHOULD BE VIGOROUSLY ENCOURAGED AND ASSISTED TO LEAVE ZIMBABWE NOW AND SETTLE ELSEWHERE. NO ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO ENCOURAGE OR GUARANTEE SUCH RACISTS TO STAY IN RHODESIA."

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